

Research Activity Panel: Meeting Agenda
California State University Monterey Bay
Building 46 (SIVA Center), Room 102
Friday, August 14, 1998
09:00 - 12:00

Introduction of members and guests (G. Cailliet)

Institution Representatives

Greg Cailliet, Moss Landing Marine Labs- Chair
Rick Starr, U.C. Sea Grant- Vice Chair
Andrew DeVogelaere, MBNMS- RAP Coordinator
Lisa deMarignac, MBNMS- SAC Coordinator

George Boehlert/Mary Yoklavich, NOAA/NMFS/PFEL
Jane Caffrey/Mark Silberstein, ESNERR and ESF
William Douros, Monterey Bay NMS
Michael Field/Steve Eittreim, USGS
Chris Harrold/Randy Kochevar, Monterey Bay Aquarium
Deborah Johnston, CA DFG/ Monterey
Rikk Kvitek/Steve Moore, CSUMB
Patricia Port, Department of the Interior
Giacomo Bernardi/Dan Costa, UCSC
Dennis Powers/Jennifer Nielsen, Hopkins Marine Station
David Clague, MBARI
Jan Roletto, GFNMS/CBNMS
Leslie Rosenfeld/Jeff Paduan, Naval Postgraduate School
Mark Stephenson, CDFG/Mar. Pollution Studies Lab
Geoff Wheat, NOAA/NURP
Karen Worcester, Morro Bay Foundation

At-Large

Jim Harvey, Moss Landing Marine Labs
Caroline Pomeroy, UCSC/CSUMB
Les Strnad, CA Coastal Commission

Special Advisors

Jim Rote, CSUMB
Gary Sharp, CIRIOS

CONSENT ITEMS:

Modifications to the agenda (G. Cailliet)

PRESENTATIONS

Critical Marine Mammal Habitat Studies in Monterey Bay NMS (D. Croll)

Institutional Update: CSUMB (S. Moore)

Approval of the minutes for July 1998 (G. Cailliet)

BREAK

DISCUSSION

RAP Sub-Committee to review the diver disturbance report (C. Harrold/G. Cailliet)

Review SAC/MBNMS staff retreat and Sanctuary Division's 5 year priorities (R. Starr/A. De Vogelaere)

SHORT INFORMATION ITEMS

Verbal items:

Update on Sustainable Seas Expeditions (A. De Vogelaere)

Sanctuary Currents: planning '98 (B. Richmond)

Legislation update (C. Pomeroy)

Written items (no discussion unless there are questions):

Marine Scientists Electronic Database (A. King/A. De Vogelaere)

If you have not done so already, please encourage scientists at your institution to sign up on the UNESCO global directory.

Beach COMBERS (J. Harvey, S. Benson, A. De Vogelaere)

The MBNMS beach survey program has started a new training class for prospective volunteers. Over the last year, this program has provided important data related to: red tide events, the Pt. Reyes oil spills, the Monterey Bay fish oil spill, survival of cleaned and banded birds, and the process for placing NMFS observers on gill netting boats. The program was also featured in the Jason Project.

Squid Research Advisory Panel (B. Douros)

Rick Starr was nominated by the MBNMS to serve on the new Squid Research Scientific Committee being developed for the state by the California Department of Fish and Game.

Green Crabs (A. De Vogelaere)

There has been increase interest by the media (KRON TV, The Monterey Herald) on the introduced green crab. A collaborative project on the geographic range and ecosystem impacts of the introduced green crab is now underway. ESNERR, SSNERR and MBNMS received funds from the NOAA Partnership program to address these questions. This July, we found that green crabs are at their southern limit in Elkhorn Slough, their abundance has increased since 1994, this wet year has resulted in very high recruitment of juvenile crabs, but something about Elkhorn Slough is limiting population explosions experience at other sites.

RAP Shark Report (A. King)

The RAP prepared a report for the SAC on shark fishing related topics over two years ago. MBNMS staff has received several requests for information from Australia on shark chumming related to commercial sight-seeing operations. The RAP report is now available on the MBNMS Research web site under Technical Reports.

Future Agenda (G. Cailliet)

Don't hesitate to forward agenda topics, speaker suggestions, and written items to G. Cailliet or A. De Vogelaere for future meetings.

Handouts available:

MBNMS bi-monthly reports for July.

New Business

Items for future meetings

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